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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, AF

SUBJECT: STATUS OF LT DAUD PASHTUNYAR

REF.: STATE 182135 NOTAL; KABUL 6736 NOTAL

1. LONDON AIR ATTACHE INFORMED AFGHAN AMBASSADOR PRINCE ZALMAY MAHMUD-GHAZY SEPT. 17 THAT EMBASSY KABUL HAS INQUIRED OF GOA WHETHER TRAINING SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR KING'S SON LT. DAUD. ZALMAY SAID HE WOULD GET OFF PERSONAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT DAUD IMMEDIATELY BY NEXT POUCH AND ASKED THAT USG HOLD OFF ANY FURTHER INQUIRES UNTIL LETTER HAS HAD CHANCE TO ARRIVE, ABOUT SEPT. 27 OR 28.

2. IN ANY CASE, AMBASSADOR ZALMAY RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY KABUL DEAL THROUGH MOHAMED DAIM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

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3. AMBASSADOR LEFT AIR ATTACHE WITH IMPRESSIIION HE IS

ENTIRELY LOYAL TO NEW GOVERNMENT BUT WISHES COMPLETE HIS TASK UNDER PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, I.E. GET LT. DAUD BACK TO SCHOOL. HE OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS THIS A DELICATE TASK.

4. COMMENT: WE SEE NO REASON HERE NOT TO GO ALONG WITH ZALMAY'S REQUEST. AMBASSADOR ZALMAY IS LEAVING LONDON ABOUT END OF SEPTEMBER TO TAKE UP NEW POSTING AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN. THOUGH PRINCE OF ROYAL BLOOD AND LONGTIME AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS PRIOR TO COMING TO LONDON ABOUT A YEAR AGO, ZALMAY HAS GIVEN OUR FCO CONTACTS IMPRESSION HIS INTIMACY WITH KING WAS LIMITED AND HIS CREDENTIALS WITH NEW PRESIDENT ARE GOOD. HE IS ALSO ON EXCELLENT TERMS WITH IRANIANS HERE. THOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD OCCASION TO CULTIVATE HIM TO ANY GREAT EXTENT, WE RECOMMEND HIM TO EMBASSY TEHRAN AS USEFUL CONTACT ON BASIS FCO'S EXPERIENCE WITH HIM, AS WELL AS PRIMARILY SOCIAL CONTACTS EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD WITH HIM. ACCORDING TO FCO HE IS A COMPETENT OPERATOR DESPITE HIS PLAYBOYISH SURFACE VENEER.

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